



General Motors of Canada will have the largest passenger car assembly plant in Canada when the giant project seen in the upper photograph is completed late in 1954. Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac cars will be assembled there by the end of this year, with Chevrolet to be added to the output of the new plant twelve months later. The bottom picture shows the humble factory where the first Oshawa-built vehicles were produced in 1876 by the McLaughlin Carriage Company — the forerunner of General Motors of Canada Limited.

### Last of the Square Riggers

## Campaign Starts to Save Cutty Sark

LONDON (AP) — A campaign has started to save the Cutty Sark, last of the true clippers from the breakers' yards.

It comes just in time. The old square rigger, 965 tons and beautiful even at her advanced age of 84, swings at her mooring in the Thames near Greenwich. Near her chug the cargo tramps, tugs and lighters that now carry the commerce of the Port of London.

The Cutty Sark's paint is cracked and blistered. Her steel cables and anchor chain are rusty. Her masts and standing rigging, that once towered to cathedral height show signs of rot. The Cutty Sark is a sad sight for old salts back who look at her with an almost reverent gleam in their eyes.

The Cutty Sark Preservation Society, under the patronage of the Duke of Edinburgh, has appealed for £250,000 to save the ship. About £6,000 already have been subscribed or promised.

The plan is to recondition and re-rig the old windjammer and place her in a permanent dry dock near the Royal Naval College at Greenwich. There she

would serve as a permanent memorial to the British mercantile marine.

In the evolution of sailing vessels, the clipper was the finest and almost the last development. Ships of this type were developed first in North America. They had yacht-like lines, low freeboard and were square-rigged on each of their raking masts.

In the middle of the last century American clippers were queens of the seas. The Cutty Sark was one of the few British ships that could compete with the Yankee clippers. She always held her own.

The Cutty Sark was used in the China Sea and Australian wool trade during her greatest years. In 1885 she made a passage from London to Sydney in 67 days. Clippers favored by the wind often could make faster passages than the steamships of that period.

Now the Cutty Sark is all that is left of the old breed. The others—the Flying Cloud, the Ann McKim, the Nighthawk and the Witch of the Waves—long ago have foundered or been broken up.

Two men who served aboard the Cutty Sark are monocled Capt. C. E. Irving, 81, who now operates pleasure launches on the Thames, and Capt. Richard Woodget, 75, whose father was a famous skipper of the clipper.

### France Opposed To Bringing Laos Invasion Before United Nations

PARIS (CP) — France has informed the United States that she is firmly opposed to bringing the Communist-led Vietminh invasion of Laos, Indo-China, before the United Nations.

State Secretary John Foster Dulles of the United States told Congress a committee is exchanging views on possible UN action of the Laos invasion with the governments of France, Laos, Viet Nam and Thailand. He had already been advised of French views.

### Lumber Exports from B.C. Show 60 Per Cent Increase

VANCOUVER (CP) — Lumber exports from British Columbia were 60 per cent greater in the first three months of this year than in the same period in 1952.

Orders shipped to the United States by water reached more than 40,000,000 board feet a month in the first quarter, while shipments to the United Kingdom, the principal market last year, dropped to half the volume shipped in the first quarter of 1952.

The totals were supplied by the Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau.

First quarter waterborne ship-

ments totalled 335,904,000 board feet compared to only 274,816,000 last year.

Shipments to the U.K. by water total 196,657,000 board feet, compared with 269,816,000 at the same time last year.

Other water shipments, mostly to the Eastern seaboard, were 139,246,910 in the first quarter,

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### BOYS GIVEN RIDE NOT SAME AS TRIO REPORTED MISSING

OTTAWA (CP) — Police said to-day there is no connection between the three brothers missing in Toronto and those picked up Thursday by a motorist near Manotick, Ont.

An intensive search for the Toronto youngsters — Henry Quigley, 10, Howard, 7, and Paul, 5 — was touched off when Allan Burton of Manotick told police he gave three boys a ride in his car last Monday.

The three Toronto brothers

vanished a week ago while on their way to buy candy.

### Coronation Medallions Being Struck

OTTAWA (CP) — Coronation commemorative medallions to be issued to school children are ready for distribution, Finance Minister Abbott has announced today.

About 3,000,000 are being struck at the mint here and sent to each provincial government to be distributed to children. They are of bronze—the same metal as one-cent pieces—and slightly smaller than Canada's dollar coins.

The front of the medallion bears a shoulder-length portrait of Queen Elizabeth, crowned and robed. She is wearing the Tudor crown, first authorized by King Edward VII in 1901 for use on medals and medallions.

The reverse shows Her Majesty's royal cypher "EIIR," topped by the St. Edward's crown and with "Canada" below. Surrounding this is the Latin inscription "Elizabeth II Regina Coronata MCMILIT" (Elizabeth II crowned Queen 1953).

### Visitor Breaks Law, Demands Police Action

PORLTAND (AP) — C. M. Graham, 77, visiting Portland from Dallas, Ore., drove through a red light here Friday. He looked around. Not a policeman in sight.

So he drove to the police station and confessed what he had done. Then he insisted that the sergeant hand him a citation, which he said would be the first in his lifetime.

In the end he went free, although the sergeant had to take Graham before a forgiving judge before Graham would leave.

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## St. Laurent Urges Americans To Take 'Bold Lead' for Free Foreign Trade

WASHINGTON (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent urged the United States to take a "bold lead" for freer foreign trade.

Canada, he said, greatly hopes the U.S. will pursue such a course in its tariff and related policies without any "backward steps."

"We cannot nibble at this corner here and knock out that piece there to protect some special interest without weakening the entire fabric," the Prime Minister said.

Mr. St. Laurent stressed his country's concern over a possible shift in United States trade policy.

He prefaced his plea for freeing trade bonds with the reminder that the U.S. and Canada have "built up the highest level of trade between two countries that the world has ever seen" and said that this was "a thing of utmost value" to both.

"It underlies the welfare of our peoples and it is essential to the strength and prosperity of this continent—the bastion of the free world," the Canadian

State Power Authority is anxious to proceed with the American share of the undertaking as soon as it can get a licence from the Federal Power Commission."

Earlier he had said Canada was not bluffing about going ahead alone with the seaway part of the development if the U.S. still does not act to participate.

### Canadian Missionaries Have No Trouble in India

TORONTO (CP) — The Canadian Council of Churches said today their missionaries are having no trouble in India despite a recent government threat to bar foreign missionaries unless they stop evangelical teachings.

R. A. Bennett, president of the council's department of overseas missions, said no Canadian missionaries have been refused admittance to India and that "no trouble is anticipated."

He was commenting on a recent statement by Dr. K. N. Karju, India's home minister, who warned foreign ministers to end their evangelical work in the country and to confine their activities to social uplifting.

Mr. Bennett said:

"The churches of India have made strong appeals for help and co-operation from Canadian churches. Recently, the Protestant Church Council of India passed a resolution urging foreign churches to continue sending young people to help them in their work."

Sixty-five Roman Catholic and 50 Protestant missionary societies are represented in India.

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